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May 19, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

SUPPORT ASSEMBLY BILL 1015 (AB 1015) (CHU, SPITZER), SEX OFFENDER MANAGEMENT BOARD AND SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION (SJR 20) (ALQUIST, FIGUEROA, KEHOE), WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY (3-VOTE) (ALL DISTRICTS)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Support AB 1015 (Chu, Spitzer), which would create the Sex Offender Management Board under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections to address any issues, concerns, and problems related to the community management of the state's adult sex offenders, and support SJR 20 (Alquist, Figueroa, Kehoe), which recognizes Women's Equality Day annually in California;
2. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board to send a five-signature letter to Governor Schwarzenegger, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Speaker of the Assembly, the Senate and Assembly minority leaders, and the Los Angeles County Legislative delegation expressing the Board's support of AB 1015 and SJR 20.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

AB 1015 creates a 15 member Sex Offenders Management Board (SOMB) of unpaid medical experts to assess current management practices for adult sex offenders and report back to legislature by January 1, 2008. Based on their findings, the SOMB will develop recommendations to improve management practices with the goal of improving community safety.

Existing law requires persons convicted of certain sex offenses to register as a sex offender. Existing law also makes it a crime when certain registration requirements are violated by the registered sex offender.

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The Commission recommends this bill because it will strengthen the existing law. The bill will provide a coordinated and effective system to control the behavior of sex offenders and prevent recidivism. As a commission representing women in the County, we are concerned that without the passage of this bill the women and children of this County will continue to be victimized by these sex offenders that desperately need rehabilitation. The SOMB will aide in providing a safer community for the women and children we represent.

SJR 20 would memorialize Congress and the President of the United States to uphold protections of women's equality and to encourage all Americans to participate in the celebration of Women's Equality Day on August 26, 2006, the 86th anniversary of the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, which gave women the right to vote.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action for AB 1015 and SJR 20 are consistent with the County's strategic plan goals of Children and Families' Well-Being, Community Services, Health and Mental Health, and Public Safety.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

None

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The enormous number of registered sex offenders in California is widely publicized and a local problem. The following statistics and facts illustrate the need for the SOMB:

- There are more than 100,000 registered sex offenders in California, approximately 20,000 of whom are under some form of supervision by criminal justice system agencies in their communities.
- This bill will prevent recidivism by these individuals while under supervision and will prepare them to live safely in the community after supervision ends.
- Currently, no state governmental entity exists to review, understand, and coordinate the multiple policies, laws, and agencies addressing the state's response to sex offenders as well as to recommend improvements based upon recognized best-practices in the field of sex offender management.
- Although some sex offenders cannot, or will not respond to treatment, recidivism may be reduced in this population through the establishment of a sex offender management board.

State officials and sexual assault organizations throughout Los Angeles County strongly support AB 1015 as effective legislation to reduce recidivism in sex offenders and provide safer communities for women and children. On June 29, 2005 Assembly Members Chu, Ridley –Thomas, Spitzer and other legislators advocated passage of the

bill by the Senate Public Safety Committee. The Los Angeles County Probation Department is in agreement to have some statewide oversight for the SOMD.

In 1848, 100 women and men from all walks of life proclaimed that "all men and women are created equal" and are "endowed with certain inalienable rights." Since that time generations of suffragists fought for the right for women to vote and civil rights. After a 72-years struggle, the Nineteenth Amendment was added to the United States Constitution securing a woman's right to vote. In 1971, the United States Congress designated August 26 as Women's Equality Day, however, despite these gains women still need to make great strides in order to achieve civic, economic, and social equality. Therefore, as a women's commission we ask for your support of SJR 20.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended actions are designed to safeguard and protect the health, welfare and safety of the public.

Respectfully submitted,



KARIN DAVALOS
President



RUTH JERNIGAN
Legislative Committee Chair

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer

Attachments



DAVID E. JANSSEN
Chief Administrative Officer

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To: Karen Davalos, President
Commission for Women

From: David E. Janssen, 
Chief Administrative Officer

REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF COMMISSION FOR WOMEN'S LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

At your request, we have reviewed the Commission for Women's recommendations to the Board of Supervisors to support **AB 1015 (Chu)** and **SJR 20 (Alquist)**. A brief summary of each bill and review of applicable County policy follows:

AB 1015, as amended on January 12, 2006, would create a 15-member Sex Offender Management Board under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to assess current management practices for adult registered sex offenders with the goal of preventing recidivism and improving community safety. The Board would be required to provide an assessment to the Legislature and the Governor by January 1, 2009 and to present recommendations for improved management practices for these offenders by January 1, 2011. This bill would only become operative if Federal funds are available for these purposes.

The District Attorney supports AB 1015 because the Sex Offender Management Board will address issues related to community management of the State's adult sex offenders, resulting in safer communities and reduced victimization. The Probation Department indicates that AB 1015 would establish needed State-wide oversight of management practices for adult registered sex offenders.

AB 1015 is sponsored by the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault and supported by the California Coalition on Sexual Offending, City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County District Attorney, Attorney General Bill Lockyer, Peace Officers Research Association of California, and the Sexual Assault Crisis Agency, among others. It is opposed by the California Department of Finance. AB 1015 is scheduled for hearing in

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the Senate Public Safety Committee on June 13, 2006. **There is no existing Board policy to support the establishment of a board to assess management practices for adult registered sex offenders.**

SJR 20, as introduced on January 19, 2006, would request the Congress and the President of the United States to uphold protections of women's equality and to recognize the celebration of Women's Equality Day on August 26, 2006. SJR 20 is supported by the California Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance; there is no registered opposition. SJR 20 is awaiting consideration on the Senate Floor. **There is no existing Board policy to support the recognition of Women's Equality Day.**

Because there is no existing Board policy to support either AB 1015 or SJR 20, support for these measures is a matter for Board policy determination.

When the Commission seeks the Board's approval of these recommendations, a copy of this memorandum should be attached to the Commission's letter.

Thank you for contacting our office regarding these recommendations.

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c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors



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**COMMISSION FOR WOMEN'S RECOMMENDATION TO SUPPORT AB 1015 (CHU)
AND SJR 20 (ALQUIST) (ITEM NO. 22, AGENDA OF JULY 5, 2006)**

Item No. 22 on the July 5, 2006 Agenda is a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors from the Commission for Women to: 1) support AB 1015 (Chu) and SJR 20 (Alquist), and 2) to instruct the Executive Officer of the Board to send a five-signature letter to Governor Schwarzenegger, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Speaker of the Assembly, the Senate and Assembly minority leaders, and the Los Angeles County Legislative delegation expressing the Board's support of AB 1015 and SJR 20.

AB 1015, as amended on June 22, 2006, would create a 17-member Sex Offender Management Board under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to assess current management practices for adult registered sex offenders with the goal of preventing recidivism and improving community safety. The membership of the Board would represent northern, central, and southern California, to the extent possible, and would be drawn from State government agencies, nongovernmental agencies, and local government agencies, including a county chief executive officer appointed by the Governor. The Board would be required to provide information regarding its progress to the Legislature and the Governor by January 1, 2009, and to submit a completed plan for improved management practices for these offenders by January 1, 2010.

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